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Walter Scott's personality parade

Q. Stansfield Turner, director of the CIA, seems to take a lot of flak from the press. Isn't he bright? Isn't he a former Rhodes scholar? — Bill Clair, San Diego, Cal.

A. Admiral Turner is indeed bright. He was ranked No. 25 among 820 graduates of the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of '47. He and classmate Jimmy Carter both applied for Rhodes scholarships, and it was Turner who was awarded one.